



# **TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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### **UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES??**

***REMINDER NOTICES TO BE SENT  
TO 60,000 TAXPAYERS TO  
MAKE THEIR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS!!***

San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced that beginning today his office will mail nearly 60,000 reminder notices to taxpayers who failed to pay their taxes on time. Those taxpayers must pay their 2005-2006 property taxes by June 30, 2006 or they will incur further penalties beginning July 1, 2006.

The first and second property tax installment payments became delinquent after December 10, 2005 and April 10, 2006. Failure to meet these deadlines resulted in a 10% penalty on the installment immediately following those delinquent dates plus a one-time \$10 cost charge on the second installment.

If payment has not been received in full by June 30, 2006, the property will become defaulted on July 1, 2006. The unpaid taxes will accrue an 18% per annum (1.5% per month) interest charge, and a \$15 redemption fee when the bill is ultimately paid.

"Countywide more than 934,000 secured property tax bills were mailed to property owners last fall. Approximately 60,000 bills or slightly more than 6% are now delinquent. However, our past experience shows that more than 50% of these delinquent taxpayers will pay by June 30th," said McAllister.

McAllister advises taxpayers, "There are approximately 38 days to pay the taxes and penalties in full to avoid the June 30 default deadline. We are here to help facilitate payment with convenient branch offices, a toll free information line and payment by phone as well as via online payment and information service. If in doubt, please call us at 1-877-TAX-4SDC (1-877-829-4732) or log on to [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com)."

**The following information is provided to facilitate property tax payments:**

▪ **In-person comprehensive tax assistance and bill payment at five offices located throughout San Diego County:**

<b>Downtown San Diego:</b>	1600 Pacific Highway, Room 162 (County Administration Center)
<b>El Cajon:</b>	200 South Magnolia Avenue
<b>Chula Vista:</b>	590 Third Avenue
<b>San Marcos:</b>	334 Via Vera Cruz
<b>Kearny Mesa:</b>	9225 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard

- **Tax assistance and bill payment by phone.** Taxpayers can dial a toll-free number (1-877-TAX-4SDC or 1-877-829-4732) to speak with a Treasurer-Tax Collector team member between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Recorded information about the most frequently asked questions is also available at this number on a 24/7 basis. Both the live and recorded options are offered in English and in Spanish.

For the hearing or speech impaired, TTY phone service is available at **1-877-735-2929**.

- **Online tax information and bill payment at [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com)**. To avoid a trip to a branch location, taxpayers can view and pay their property tax bill online. Currently, taxpayers can pay their property tax bills online using either e-check or VISA credit card. The website uses secure, state-of-the-art technology designed to prevent fraud and invasion of taxpayers' privacy. Credit card companies charge a fee for payments made by credit card.

The Treasurer-Tax Collector's website now provides information in English and Spanish to make online navigation easier for taxpayers who prefer to obtain information about their tax payment and make online payments in Spanish. Taxpayers wishing to view the Treasurer-Tax Collector's website in Spanish should go to [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com), and then select the "Español" option on the homepage.

For the hearing or speech impaired, a TTY "Click to Chat" feature is available on the Treasurer-Tax Collector's website at [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com) to communicate with a Treasurer-Tax Collector team member.

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